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LAKE COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL CORPORATIONS

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES ATTRIBUTED TO EACH OF THREE SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION PLANS

(PRELIMINARY)

(11/30/60)

PLAN NO.—1-A County Unit What are the Advantages and Disadvantages of the county Unit Plan (1-A)?	2-A Four Unit How Does the Four Unit Plan (2-A) Compare with the County Unit Plan (1-A)?	3-A Seven Unit, Federated How Does the Seven Unit Plan, Federated (3-A) Compare with the County Unit Plan (1-A)?
<p>I. Educational</p> <p>A. Possible advantages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides a structure with great potential for equalizing educational opportunities 2. Provides a pupil population of adequate size to economically provide educational opportunities in the general, specialized, enrichment, and special needs areas of instruction 3. Provides an adequate pupil population for establishing efficient elementary, junior high, and senior high school attendance units, and, for special classes and schools, 4. Provides opportunity for county-wide coordination of educational programs, and minimizes attendance change and transfer problems. <p>B. Possible disadvantages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creates a relatively large geographic and population structure that could make provisions for education impersonal and far removed from the people 2. Creates a condition that could replace the competition among local units to provide better education with conformity to a county-wide standard. 	<p>I. Educational</p> <p>A. Possible advantage is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. decreased slightly 2. not changed 3. decreased slightly 4. decreased slightly <p>B. Possible disadvantage is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. decreased slightly 2. decreased slightly 	<p>I. Educational</p> <p>A. Possible advantage is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. not changed 2. not changed 3. not changed 4. decreased very slightly <p>B. Possible disadvantage</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. decreased considerably 2. decreased slightly

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<p>3. Creates a condition that might result in the lowering of standards in some schools when efforts are made to equalize educational opportunities on a county-wide basis.</p> <p>4. Creates the difficulty that accompanies size in securing the active informed and united support needed from lay people in order to help improve education.</p>	<p>3. decreased slightly</p> <p>4. decreased very slightly</p>	<p>3. decreased considerably</p> <p>4. decreased considerably</p>
<p>II. Financial</p>	<p>II. Financial</p>	<p>II. Financial</p>
<p>A. Possible advantages</p>	<p>A. Possible advantage is:</p>	<p>A. Possible advantage is:</p>
<p>1. Provides reasonable assurance that the costs of education would be equalized throughout the county area.</p> <p>2. Provides an educational structure that would simplify tax and assessment procedures.</p> <p>3. Provides the means to simplify disposition of assets and liabilities and contractual arrangements by having these obligations assumed by the new corporation.</p> <p>4. Provides reasonable assurance that financial planning for school operations and capital outlay would be in keeping with over-all county needs, and consistent with the economic ability of the total county.</p>	<p>1. decreased considerably</p> <p>2. decreased slightly</p> <p>3. not changed</p> <p>4. decreased considerably</p>	<p>1. not changed</p> <p>2. not changed</p> <p>3. not changed</p> <p>4. decreased very slightly</p>
<p>B. Possible disadvantages</p>	<p>B. Possible disadvantage is:</p>	<p>B. Possible disadvantage is:</p>
<p>1. Creates a condition where the financial advantage enjoyed by certain school corporations is reduced.</p> <p>2. Creates a condition through the centralization of the tax function that would make it more difficult for the individual taxpayer to exercise his voice in taxing matters where it would have an impact on taxing policies and procedures.</p>	<p>1. decreased slightly</p> <p>2. decreased slightly</p>	<p>1. decreased very slightly</p> <p>2. decreased considerably</p>

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<p>3. Creates a condition that could prevent people in the various local communities from going above the county wide levels of fiscal support for education.</p> <p>4. Creates a condition that could make it difficult to communicate the need and enlist the support for capital expenditures</p>	<p>3. decreased slightly</p> <p>4. decreased slightly</p>	<p>3. decreased considerably</p> <p>4. not changed</p>
<p>III. Planning</p> <p>A. Possible advantages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides considerable flexibility and freedom in planning for future educational growth by not being tied to existing city, town and township boundaries. 2. Provides freedom in planning new and utilizing existing facilities to the greatest advantage of children, and, further, attendance unit problems caused by civil annexations would be greatly minimized. 3. Provides a reasonable base for planning educational functions that conform to the demands of a rapidly expanding metropolitan area. 4. Provides reasonable assurance that all people in the county will benefit from plans for industrial and economic growth. <p>B. Possible disadvantages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creates a structure that could make it difficult to solicit active participation in educational planning. 2. Creates a structure that could invite special interest pressures not consistent with the best interests of education for the county. 	<p>III. Planning</p> <p>A. Possible advantage is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. decreased slightly 2. decreased slightly 3. decreased slightly 4. decreased considerably <p>B. Possible disadvantage is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. decreased slightly 2. decreased very slightly 	<p>III. Planning</p> <p>A. Possible advantage is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. decreased very slightly 2. decreased very slightly 3. not changed 4. not changed <p>B. Possible disadvantage is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. decreased considerably 2. decreased slightly

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3. Creates a situation that would call for policy and decision making in educational planning that could be complicated by the great diversity of special interests.

3. decreased slightly

3. decreased considerably

4. Creates an educational government unit that overlaps a number of separate and distinct civil governmental units, and thus, makes it difficult to coordinate school unit-civil unit planning.

4. decreased very slightly

4. decreased considerably

IV. Control.

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A. Possible advantages

A. Possible advantage is:

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1. Provides a governmental structure that would place legal responsibilities for education in the hands of an agency which conforms to the entire area, and, consequently, can operate in accordance with the educational demands viewed on a county-wide basis.

1. decreased considerably

1. not changed

2. Provides a condition that would permit county-wide control of certain administrative functions (e.g. school transportation, school building planning, business administration, personnel administration, etc.) that could be provided economically and efficiently at this level.

2. decreased considerably

2. not changed

3. Provides a wide base, encompassing a maximum of socio-economic sections of the population from which to select a representative board of education.

3. decreased very slightly

3. not changed

4. Provides a unit of control and jurisdiction that would be affected very little by political and economic change.

4. decreased very slightly

4. decreased very slightly

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B. Possible disadvantages

1. Creates a condition whereby existing school corporations might lose some community identity through reduced direct control of education
2. Creates a situation that makes more difficult the establishment of procedures for determining eligibility and for selecting school board members.
3. Creates a condition that could necessitate the elimination or changing of existing school boards and the reassignment of a number of currently employed school administrators.

B. Possible disadvantage is:

1. decreased very slightly
2. decreased very slightly
3. decreased very slightly

A. Possible disadvantage is:

1. decreased considerably
2. decreased slightly
3. decreased slightly

* It should be noted that the Seven Unit, Federated Plan (3-A) would necessitate permissive legislation. The existing statutes do not provide for the creation of this type of school administrative structure.